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James C. Morriss III  
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RE: Gulfco Marine Maintenance Superfund Site in Freeport Texas

Dear Mr. Morriss:

Thank you for your October 29, 2004 letter stating Dow and Sequa's intent to conduct the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS). The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) appreciates Dow and Sequa's willingness to negotiate an Agreement on Consent (AOC) and Statement of Work (SOW) for the RI/FS.

The AOC and SOW for RI/FS are straightforward, and we believe that the negotiation of those documents can be concluded expeditiously. EPA proposes that we meet on November 16, 2004, at the offices of EPA Region 6 to go over comments by Dow and Sequa on the draft AOC and SOW provided in EPA's Notice Letter of July 14, 2004, and to develop a plan to complete the negotiations in a timely manner. In order to make the meeting as productive as possible, EPA would appreciate receiving your redline/strikeout of EPA's draft documents prior to the meeting date.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (214) 665-2157.

Sincerely,

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